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Petition for initiation of an investigation of the necessity of and the establishment of a Universal Service Support Fund in accordance with Section 13-301(d) of The Public Utilities Act.) Docket No.)))	00-0233 ⁿ		Z Z

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Illinois Bell Telephone Company d/b/a Ameritech Illinois ("Ameritech Illinois"), by its attorney, and pursuant to the Rules of Practice of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 83 Ill. Adm. Code, Section 200.200, petitions for leave to intervene and be made a party in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Petition, Ameritech Illinois states the following:

- 1. Ameritech Illinois is a telecommunications carrier providing local exchange services within the State of Illinois.
- Petitioner, Illinois Independent Telephone Association, seeks to establish a
 Universal Service Support Fund pursuant to Section 13-301(d) of the Illinois
 Public Utilities Act.
- 3. Petitioner states that if the Commission establishes such a fund, the costs should be recovered from all local exchange and interexchange carriers certificated in Illinois. Accordingly, Ameritech Illinois has a direct and immediate interest in these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, for the above-stated reasons, Ameritech Illinois requests that leave to intervene be granted by this Commission and that Ameritech Illinois be made a party to these proceedings.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 27, 2000

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Nancy H. Wittebort, an attorney, certify that a copy of Petition for Leave to Intervene was served on all parties on the attached service list by facsimile and by overnight mail to Donna Caton this 27th day of April, 2000.

Nancy H. Wittebort

VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)		
)	Docket No.	00-0233
COUNTY OF COOK)		

I, Nancy H. Wittebort, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and state that I am the Regulatory Attorney for Ameritech Illinois; that I have read the foregoing Petition for Leave to Intervene and know the contents thereof, and that said contents are true and correct.

Nancy H. Wittebort

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 27th day of April, 2000.

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